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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

NHAN T. LE

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 January 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 and 7-11 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 and 11 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI-108)
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4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claims 1, 7, 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Min (US 20030016761) in view of Cowley (US 20030017817)

As to claims 1, 7, 8, Min teaches a method, comprising: filtering a signal with a filter (see fig. 4, number 45, paragraph 0032); measuring image rejection and DC offset of the filtered signal (see fig. 4, number 45, I and Q, paragraphs 0033, 0036, 0039); and wherein the filtering, measuring and adjusting is repeated until a compromise between DC offset rejection and image rejection is achieved and wherein the compromise is reached when the DC offset rejection is within acceptable tolerances and image rejection meets minimum pre-specified requirements (see paragraphs 0038-0042). Min fails to teach wherein the filter is BPF and adjusting a center frequency of the band-pass filter. Cowley teaches wherein the filter is BPF (see fig. 2, number 8, paragraph 0026) and adjusting a center frequency of the band-pass filter (see paragraph 0026). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Cowley into the system of Min and Cowley in order to provide a tuner which may be used to select a channel for reception from a broadcast signals.

2. Claims 2, 3, 9, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Min et al (US 7,171,185) in view of Cowley (US 7,120,416) in view of Vinn et al (US 6,441,682).

As to claims 2, 3, 9, 10, the combination of the combination of Min and Cowley fails to teach wherein the bandpass filter comprises two cross-coupled low pass filters; wherein the cross-coupling includes cross-coupled variable resistors. Vinn teaches wherein the bandpass filter comprises two cross-coupled filters (see col. 5, lines 55-61); wherein the cross-coupling includes cross-coupled resistor (see col. 7, lines 4-21). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the teaching of Vinn into the system of Min and Cowley in order to adjust the center frequency.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4, 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As to claims 4, 11, the applied reference fails to teach wherein the adjusting is done by varying the resistance of the cross-coupled variable resistors as cited in the claim.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4, 7-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhan T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7892. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-05:00 (Mon-Fri).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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